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JOINT EMBASSY/UNC MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION NORTH KOREAN DEMAND TO NON MILITARY
VESSELS

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1. WE HAVE DOUBLE CHECKED TRANSCRIPT OF 346TH MAC MEETING, AND ALL OF MANY NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS AT MEETING REGARDING "VIOLATIONS" OF THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS SPECIFICALLY REFER TO NAVAL VESSELS, ARMED SPY SHIPS AND ARMED BOATS, OR BOATS DISPATCHED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THEY MADE NO MENTION AT MAC MEETING NOR HAVE THEY ELSEWHERE TO INCURSIONS OR VIOLATIONS BY NON MILITARY CRAFT. NONETHELESS, IN KEY SENTENCE IN THEIR SUMMARY STATEMENT AT THE MAC MEETING, WHERE THEY DEMANDED THAT UNC SIDE SEEK PERMISSION TO SAIL TO AND FROM UNC CONTROLLED ISLANDS, NORTH KOREANS DID NOT SPECIFY TYPE OF VESSELS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT. ORIGINAL KOREAN TRANSCRIPT
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AND TAPES OF NORTH'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION AGREE ON THIS POINT.

2. DESPITE FACT THEY HAVE CITED ONLY MILITARY
CRAFT AS HAVING VIOLATED TERRITORIAL WATERS,
IT IS PRUDENT TO ASSUME NORTH KOREANS
MAY APPLY THEIR DEMAND TO NON MILITARY AS WELL
AS MILITARY VESSELS, INCLUDING FERRIES, SINCE
SENTENCE CONTAINING ACTUAL DEMAND IS NOT SPECIFIC.
EVEN IF NORTH DOES PLAN TO MAKE DISTINCTION
BETWEEN NON MILITARY AND MILITARY CRAFT, WEEKLY
FERRY/SUPPLY BOAT CONVOY TO PYONGYANG-DO
COULD CONCEIVABLY GET CAUGHT UP IN A NORTH KOREAN ACTION
DIRECTED AGAINST ROK NAVAL PATROL BOAT WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY
CONVOY AS IT ALWAYS HAS IN THE PAST. ALSO ARGUING
FOR ASSUMPTION THAT NORTH MAY APPLY ITS DEMAND TO
NON MILITARY BOATS IS FACT THAT NORTH HAS REGULARLY
IN PAST PICKED UP CIVILIAN FISHING BOATS FOR ENTERING
ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS. MOST RECENT CASE IS
JAPANESE FISHING BOAT, "SIN-JU-MARU", PICKED UP NOVEMBER 1
NEAR SUN-WI-DO JUST OFF HAEJU AND RELEASED DEC 5.
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